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Fishlake National Forest



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Prescribed Burn Planned For Meadow and Church Hills Area

The Fishlake National Forest, Fillmore Ranger District will be conducting several prescribed fires starting this month and through the end of November. A prescribed fire is the use of management-ignited fire, conducted under specified weather and fuel conditions in order to achieve specific management objectives. The following areas are targeted in Millard County: Meadow Burn Area located 3 miles east of Meadow and Church Hills located 5 miles north of Holden and 1 mile west of I-15.

Generally there are only two "windows of opportunity" per year when fuel, vegetation and weather conditions are acceptable and safe for use of prescribed fire. These usually occur in the spring and fall. Although, every effort is made to conduct prescribed burns so smoke is minimized and dispersed into the atmosphere. Some communities and residents could be affected for short periods of time.

Depending on weather conditions the prescribed burns could take place anytime from **October 16th through the end of November**. The burn will only be implemented if temperature, humidity, wind speed, fuel moisture, and other factors can be safely met.

Both projects are located on the Fishlake National Forest, Fillmore Ranger District. The Meadow project includes 2000 acres and the Church Hills project includes 1000 acres. Firefighters will be lighting both project burns using a helicopter and drip torches. Both areas have been prepared for prescribed fire and broken up into smaller units. Each unit will be burned at a time to manage the fire and minimize the need for additional manpower and equipment.

Information and links about wildland fire in Utah can be found on the Internet at www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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